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LOW PRODUCTION IN RCFL
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been low production in the Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd. (RCFL) due to non-supply of adequate quantum of gas by GAIL;

(b) if so, the quantum of gas which was to be supplied daily by GAIL, as per the agreement;

(c) the quantum of gas supplied/being supplied; and

(d) the percentage of decline and the amount of loss suffered by RCFL as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B.MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per Gas Supply Agreement, GAIL is required to supply the following quantity of gas per day to Thal and Trombay plants of RCF:

Plant	Quantity of Gas (MMSCMD)
Thal	3.00
Heavy Water Plant	0.15
	3.15
Fall Back allocation	0.60
	3.75
Trombay	1.8

(c) Against the above commitment under Gas Supply Agreement, the gas supply from GAIL to Thal and Trombay is presently to the tune of 2.0-2.4 and 1.2-1.4 MMSCMD, respectively.

(d) The decline of gas for RCF plants at Thal and Trombay is 24-37% and 22-34% respectively compared to allocation as per the agreement. It has been estimated by RCF that they may suffer a reduction in profit of around Rs. 50 crore per annum on account of short supply of gas.